

Latimer, Becky

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Jenny Green,

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Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Letter of Protest Against Palmetto Utilities 2019-2020."

**From:** jenny Green  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Letter of Protest Against Palmetto Utilities 2019-2020."

Hello,

I am sending this message due to the unfair increase of our sewer bill to \$66. I feel this is a RIP off for households who are already struggling. We accepted the unfair \$52 increase but cannot continue to tolerate these price increases. As a small household we do not use the sewer that much. Before the mandatory \$52 increase our sewer was constantly around \$30. Please reconsider these changes. It is an unjust business practice put upon the customer's of Palmetto Utilities.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Green

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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:33 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Tara Smith,

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Becky Latimer



\* Required Fields

Date: \* 1/20/2020

**Letter of Protest**  
**Docket No. 2019-281-S**

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Tara Smith

Mailing Address \* \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \* Columbia, SC

Phone \* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

No

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am writing to protest the Palmetto Utilities request for rate increase. I purchased my home in October 2017 my sewer bill was charged according to how much water I use. As a very small household I use 1 unit of water so my sewer bill was \$10. After the last rate increase as 421%. I still use only 1 unit of water which is about \$22 but my sewer bill is \$52.10. In the winter my Dominion power bill is only \$40. It's insane that I spend more than double my water bill on sewer but paying MORE for sewer than power bill is unconscionable. To pay \$66 dollars a month for sewer is outrageous. From \$10 two years ago to \$66.62 is a 566% increase. How is that not a crime? If this increase was approved I'd be paying more than THREE times my water bill, 1.5 TIMES my power bill, and more than I pay for home insurance. It sounds like Palmetto Utilities has made some poor business decisions but we should not be held responsible. Lot of small households are on small budgets and no one should have to choose between

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

No

Signature Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Latimer, Becky

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Friday, January 24, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Wallace Sheridan,

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to: [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov)

\* Required Fields

Date: \* 1-20-20

**Letter of Protest**  
**Docket No. 2019-281-S**

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Wallace D Sheridan

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \* Elgin, SC

Phone \*

E-mail

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

Customer

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

My water bill is approximately \$10-\$11 per month. I think it is absurd to charge \$52, \$66 proposed, per month to handle \$10 worth of water. Also, it seems unfair to charge all customers the same amount regardless of water usage. I am confident I use much less water than a family of four or more. There are only two adults in my household.

Are commercial customers charged accordingly, or do they pay a flat rate also?

My wife and I are retired and live on a fixed income. If I want additional money, I cannot simply ask the PSC for an increase. There are no increases for us. When is the last time Social Security raise my monthly benefit????

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No

Signature Required:

Wallace D Sheridan